

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending. Claim 22 is amended to correct a typographical error in that the capital X should be a lower case x to reflect a multiplication symbol.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

22. (Amended) An image processing method according to claim 21, wherein: said first weighting rate is $1/(1+2k)$, said second weighting rate is $k \times_{\underline{x}} tt / (1+2k)$, said third weighting rate is $k \times_{\underline{x}} yy / (1+2k)$, said fourth weighting rate is $k \times_{\underline{x}} nu / (1+2k)$ and said fifth weighting rate is $k \times_{\underline{x}} ns / (1+2k)$, (where k represents a predetermined value, and tt , yy , nu and ns satisfy the following equation: $tt+yy+nu+ns = 1$) .